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**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re U.S. national phase application of:

Martin John Charles Offa-Jones

International Application No.: PCT/GB01/02971

International Filing Date: 05 July 2001

For: RECLOSABLE FASTENERS FOR PLASTICS BAGS AND OTHER  
CONTAINERS

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My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name; and I believe that I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a

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is sought on the invention, whose title appears above, the specification of which:

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- ☐ was filed on \_\_\_\_\_, as U.S. Serial Number \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable)
- ☒ was described and claimed in PCT International Application Number  
PCT/GB01/02971, filed on 05 July 2001 and as amended under  
PCT Article 19 on \_\_\_\_\_ and/or PCT Article 34 on  
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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office all information known to be material to the patentability of this application in accordance with 37 CFR § 1.56.

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35 U.S.C. §§ 119(a)-(d) OF FOREIGN APPLICATIONS  
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OF THIS APPLICATION**

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code §§ 119(a)-(d) of any foreign applications for patent, inventor's certificate or PCT international application designating at least one country other than the United States of America listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent, inventor's certificate or any PCT international application designating at least one country other than the United States of America filed by me on the same subject matter having a filing date before that of the application(s) of which priority is claimed.

Country (or indicate if PCT)	Application Number	Date of Filing (day, month, year)	Priority Claimed Under 37 USC 119a-d
UK	GB 0016894.8	11 July 2000	<u>X</u> Yes    __ No
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